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was held of delegates of scientific and medical societies, and a committee was formed (Professor Starling's committee) to ensure that the evidence as to the value and necessity of these experiments should be presented to the Royal Commission in proper order. The work of Professor Starling's committee came to an end when the commission ceased to require further evidence. At a meeting of the committee it was decided to form a society, called the Research Defence Society, to make generally known the facts about experiments on animals, and to offer steady opposition to the anti-vivisection societies. Among those who have already joined the society are eminent men of science, leading hospital authorities, and distinguished physicians and surgeons. The society hopes to be able to give information to all inquirers, to publish articles, to send speakers when required to debates, and to be of assistance to all who want to have a clear knowledge of the facts of the case.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

PLANS for two new buildings have been accepted by the board of trustees of the University of Illinois. One is a physics laboratory, to cost \$250,000, the other an extension of the natural history building, to cost \$150,000. The physics building will be three stories in height. The site is directly east of the engineering hall. There are to be two lecture rooms, both on the ground floor, one seating 300 and the other 125 persons. The east wing will be used largely for smaller laboratories, and the west wing for the larger laboratories for electrical measurements. Plans for the extension to the natural history building will more than double the size of the structure. The building will house the department of geology, the State Geological Survey, the general administration offices of the university and of the college, the department of mathematics, and provide additional classrooms for some other departments.

MR. JOHNATHAN THOMAS, a member of the board of trustees, has given Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas, a sum of money suffi-

cient to build and equip a modern gymnasium. Work on the building will be begun as soon as plans are perfected.

MR. W. W. ASTOR has offered to give a sum of \$50,000 in addition to the \$50,000 he had already subscribed, to the endowment fund of Oxford University. The gifts are conditional on the sum of \$500,000 being raised.

MR. JAMES ROBERT TURLE, of London, has bequeathed about \$50,000 to the London School of Medicine for Women, and about \$40,000 and half the residue of his estate to the Bedford College for women. He also leaves other public bequests.

IT is now definitely settled that the Andover Seminary will be removed to Cambridge, and affiliated with Harvard University. The Andover seminary has an endowment of over \$1,000,000 and five professors, but very few students.

IT is reported that the Rev. Dr. S. Parks Cadman, pastor of the congregational church in Brooklyn, has been elected president of Wesleyan University in succession to the Rev. Dr. Bradford P. Raymond.

DR. CARL E. SEASHORE, professor of psychology, has been elected dean of the Graduate College in the State University of Iowa.

GORDON M. BENTLEY, instructor in zoology at the University of Tennessee, has been promoted to an assistant professorship.

MISS E. N. THOMAS, assistant in the department of botany, University College, London, has been appointed lecturer and head of the department of botany, in the Bedford College for Women.

DR. OTTO MÜGGE, professor of geology and mineralogy at Königsberg, has accepted a call to Göttingen.

DR. WALTER KAUFMANN, associate professor of physics at Bonn, has accepted a call to the chair of physics at Königsberg.

DR. FRIEDRICH LOEFFLER, professor at Greifswald, has been called to the chair of hygiene in the Berlin Veterinary School in the place of the late Professor Ostertag.